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Introduction

1. The Commission on Population and Development held its thirty-second session at United Nations Headquarters on 22, 23 and 26 March 1998.*

* The Commission on Population and Development acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development met from 24 to 31 March 1999. For the report on that session, see A/S-21/__ [to be issued]

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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

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Chapter II

Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development

2. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion on item 3 of its agenda, entitled "Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development", together with item 4 entitled "World population situation", at its 1st to 3rd meetings, on 22 and 23 March 1999 (see also chap. III, below). Under item 3, the Commission had before it the following documents:

(a) Concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 1999: population growth, structure and distribution (E/CN.9/1999/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General containing the report of the Technical Symposium on International Migration and Development of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Task Force on Basic Social Services for All (E/CN.9/1999/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/4).

3. At the 1st meeting, on 22 March, the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat made an introductory statement.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Assistant Director of the Population Division, who introduced the concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 1999: population growth, structure and distribution (E/CN.9/1999/2); the Deputy Director of the Technical and Policy Division of the United Nations Population Fund, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General containing the report of the Technical Symposium on International Migration and Development of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Task Force on Basic Social Services for All (E/CN.9/1999/3); and the Director of the Technical and Policy Division of the United Nations Population Fund, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/4).

5. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the United States of America, Bangladesh, Thailand, the Russian Federation and China.

6. At the 2nd meeting, 22 March, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Jamaica, Sweden, India, Canada, Ukraine, South Africa and the Niger and the observers for Norway, Pakistan and Mozambique.

7. Also at the 2nd meeting, the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement.

8. At the same meeting, the representative of the International Organization for Migration made a statement.

9. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centres, a non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

10. At the 3rd meeting, on 23 March, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Malaysia and Turkey.

11. Also at the 3rd meeting, the representative of the World Health Organization made a statement.

12. During the discussion, the Commission recalled its resolution 1997/1 on the technical symposium on international migration and took note of the report of the Technical Symposium on International Migration and Development of the ACC Task Force on Basic Social Services for All (E/CN.9/1999/2). The Commission was pleased to note that the report had provided valuable input to the reviews of the progress made in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. The Commission was also pleased to note that the report of the Technical Symposium would be taken into account in the report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/189 of 18 December 1997.

Chapter III

World population situation

13. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion on item 4 of its agenda, entitled "World population situation", together with item 3, entitled "Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development", at its 1st to 3rd meetings, on 22 and 23 March 1999 (for the discussion on the items, see chap. II above). Under item 4, the Commission had before it the report of the Secretary-General on world demographic trends (E/CN.9/1999/5).

14. At the 1st meeting, on 22 March, the Chief of the Population Estimates and Projections Section of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General on world demographic trends (E/CN.9/1999/5).

Chapter IV

Work of the Commission on Population and Development in the next quinquennium

15. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion on item 5 of its agenda, entitled "Work of the Commission on Population and Development in the next quinquennium", at its 2nd meeting, on 22 March 1999.

16. At the 2nd meeting, the Director of the Population Division made an introductory statement.

17. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, the Russian Federation and India.

Chapter V

Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population

18. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion on item 6 of its agenda, entitled "Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population", at its 3rd meeting, on 23 March 1999. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 1998: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/1999/6);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work in population for the biennium 2000–2001: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/1999/7);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work for the biennium 2000–2001: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/1999/CRP.1).

19. At the 3rd meeting, the Director of the Population Division made an introductory statement.

20. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, the Republic of Korea, Canada and India and the observer for the Holy See.

21. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

22. The representative of Eagle Forum, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made a statement.

23. During the discussion, the Commission reviewed and endorsed the proposed programme of work of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs for the biennium 2000–2001, as set out in the extract from the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 of the Department (E/CN.9/1999/CRP.1). It was the view of the Commission that the Population Division must have sufficient resources, and its work programme should be sufficiently flexible, to permit non-programmed work on unforeseen or emerging population issues and to incorporate ad hoc requests. It was also the view of the Commission that the monitoring of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, including reporting on the special themes of the Commission's multi-year work programme, should continue to be a key component of the Division's work programme. The Commission also expressed the view that the Division must have sufficient resources, and initiate the planning of activities, for the years beyond 2001, in order to ensure that it was properly positioned to undertake the second quinquennial review of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in the year 2004.

Chapter VI

Provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Commission

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Chapter VII

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-second session

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Chapter VIII

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

24. The Commission on Population and Development held its thirty-second session at United Nations Headquarters on 22, 23 and 26 March 1999. The Commission held four meetings (1st to 4th).

25. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, who also made a statement.

26. Opening statements were also made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.

B. Attendance

27. The session was attended by __ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for ___ non-member States also attended. Representatives of specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is given in annex __ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

28. At the 1st, 2nd and __ meetings, on 22 and __ March 1999, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Robert Louis Cliquet (Belgium)

Vice-Chairmen: Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary)
Markela Castro (Panama)

Vice-Chairman-cum Rapporteur: Simon B. Arap Bullut (Kenya)

D. Report of the Bureau on its inter-sessional meeting

29. At the 1st meeting, on 22 March, the Commission heard a statement by Raj Karim (Malaysia), Chairperson of the Commission at its thirty-first session, who introduced the report of the Bureau on its inter-sessional meeting (E/CN.9/1999/CRP.2), held in Kuala Lumpur on 28 and 29 September 1998.

30. At the same meeting, Osmane Mahamane Tandina (Niger), Vice-Chairman of the Commission at its thirty-first session made a statement.

31. Also at the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report of the Bureau on its inter-sessional meeting (E/CN.9/1999/CRP.2).

E. Agenda

32. At the 1st meeting, on 22 March, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.9/1999/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development.
4. World population situation.
5. Work of the Commission on Population and Development in the next quinquennium.
6. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population.
7. Provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Commission.
8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-second session.

F. Documentation

33. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-second session are listed in annex to the present report.

G. Consultation with non-governmental organizations

34. In accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council made statements in connection with agenda items 3, 4 and 6:

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